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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: GAO Briefing on Foreign Country  
Force Structures

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1. On Wednesday, 1 October 1986 in room 6G42, Messrs. John Harper, Roy Judy, Edward McLaughlin and Michael Welsh were briefed on foreign country force structures of Canada, France, United Kingdom, West Germany and the Soviet Union. DDI/EURA briefers were [redacted]

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[redacted] SOVA briefers were [redacted]

[redacted] for General Purposes Forces, [redacted] briefing.

The Assistant NIO  
sat in on the

2. The European countries were briefed first with EURA using the GAO agenda (attached) as their outline, covering each topic in turn. The SOVA brief, though a bit more unstructured, basically covered the same topics.

3. GAO personnel were interested in having access to FBIS and JPRS reports/indexes which had been mentioned to them in their DIA briefings. They also wondered if there were any unclassified publications that we have published covering the subject areas of interest to them. I told them I would get the phone number to order FBIS/JPRS reports and send them the list of unclassified pubs. (See attached letter.)

4. The briefing lasted two and a half hours.

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Executive Officer  
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Attachments

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The General Accounting Office is conducting a survey of opportunities to modify U.S. force structure suggested by foreign military services.

Basically, our work concentrates on identifying foreign country force structures and any changes that have been made to those structures over the last 20 years, determining what has been accomplished by the change, identifying what has been the problems or tradeoffs resulting from the change, and determining how the change might be applicable to the U.S. force structure. Numerous topics are covered in this endeavor that include the following

- the demographic projections of the supply of 18 year olds who must serve in the military,
- conscription vs. an all-volunteer force, the rationale for either, and how it is being managed,
- the use of women in the military,
- the role of reserves in the force structure,
- the consolidation of functions such as the 1968 Canadian unification,
- manpower requirements and how such requirements are affected by the retirement system,
- compensation practices, officer development, and training, and
- centralized decision making and control.

Currently, we are concentrating our efforts on the force structures of Canada, France, United Kingdom, West Germany, and the Soviet Union. We would like to discuss these topics as they relate to these countries and other countries CIA analysts may be aware of.

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Dear Frank:

This is to follow up on my phone call today. Enclosed is the listing of unclassified publications available from CIA for Messrs. Harper, Judy, McLaughlin and Welsh. If they are interested in obtaining any of them, please have them call [redacted] in our office at [redacted]

Roy Judy was interested in the names of the briefers today. They were:

Europe:

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Soviet Union:

As I mentioned, in order for GAO to order publications from FBIS or JPRS, they should call FBIS at [redacted]

It's a pleasure doing business with you.

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Sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

Executive Officer  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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